

Egomism

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Egomism is the belief that you are the only thing that exist. It differs from megalomania in that this latter is pathological and insanity, whereas egomism can be arrived at by reasoning and philosophy. Belief is one thing, reality is another; it does not necessarily make you a god. By comparison egotism is merely a vice, and egoism a theory which may or may not lead you to egomism.

Firstly there is unquestionably Descartes’s proof of God’s existence, *I think therefore I exist, I exist therefore God exist*. Every thinking existence is a witness to the existence of the Creator. I think, therefore I exist, that is a first-hand experience. I have no such ground to say whether you exist or not. On the other hand, if you think your thought will be witness enough for yourself that you exist, and you then have no such first-hand basis to say whether I exist. I may only guess that you must exist, you may only guess that I exist.

Like God this is an open question, it is where faith comes in. The bible says that this *’Ēlōhīm* is the God of Moses, the God of Abraham, and so on. Jesus also said, I come from the Father who is greater than me, but if you have seen me you have seen my Father. We shall never fully know God because we are finite and God is infinite. We are a part of Christ, and the sum of all parts is never greater than the whole.

An egotist is a selfish person, or even merely someone who use the first person singular pronoun all the time. An egoist could be someone whose preoccupation is self-interest. He could also be someone who after having grasped the *I think therefore I exist* stops there satisfied, saying whether others exist you will never be able to rigorously say. An egomist is someone who has grasped both the first and the second part of the proof, *I exist therefore God exist*, and then either faith or imagination fails him, for he imagines himself the God.

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